

ATTENTION: INDIVIDUALS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION INTERESTED IN EARNING A DOCTORATE

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded NAU's College of Education a grant to prepare Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Special Education Doctoral Students. The grant will fund Mexican American or Native American individuals, including individuals with disabilities. The grant will provide 12 students the opportunity to earn a doctorate in education (Ed. D.) in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Special Education beginning in Spring 2004 and ending by December 2007. This innovative program will allow these individuals to keep their positions in local school districts during the school year, while taking courses through distance education and through intensive doctoral studies in Flagstaff during the summers.

The grant will provide funding for tuition, books, travel to Flagstaff and family campus housing in the summer, and nominal research stipends; in addition, the grant funds faculty research mentors, doctoral student mentors, and enrichment seminars with nationally known researchers in bilingual special education.

Prerequisites for FIRST doctoral candidates in addition to requirements for admission into the NAU C&I doctoral program:

1. Native American or Mexican American background.
2. Two or more years teaching experience as a fully certified special education teacher (need documentation from Special Education Director or other administrator of your role as a teacher whose primary responsibility was in special education as well as a copy of special education teaching certificate).

FIRST Timeline:

August 2003 – September 2003	Recruitment and informational meetings
October 15, 2003	All applicants need to have completed Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
November 1, 2003	Deadline for NAU to receive names for required C&I recommendation names/addresses.
November 20, 2003	Application to NAU Graduate College deadline, \$45 application fee is non-refundable.
December 15, 2003	Deadline for NAU to receive all FIRST and C & I application materials including test scores.
January 2004	C&I Admissions Committee & FIRST Screening Committee review applications/make selections
February 1, 2004	Notification to individuals receiving FIRST grant funding.
February 15, 2004	Coursework begins

Recruitment Meetings Schedule*:

September 3, 2003 – Tuba City, Arizona 6:30-8:00pm – Tuba City Primary School Library, Main Street.

September 8, 2003 – NAU/Flagstaff, Arizona 6:00-8:00pm – Northern Arizona University, College of Education, room 204.

September 11, 2003 – Albuquerque, New Mexico 5:30-8:00pm – Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute Conference Room SB 102, 717 University SE

September 12, 2003 – Durango, Colorado 5:30-8:00pm – Durango School District Boardroom, 201 E 12th St.

September 18, 2003 – Chinle, Arizona 5:00-8:00pm – Chinle High School Cafeteria, Indian Rte7& Hwy 191.

September 19, 2003 – Monument Valley, Utah 3:00-5:00pm – Monument Valley High School #2

*If you are unable to attend a recruitment meeting, application information may be found at: www.nau.edu/ci-doc

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